

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, including listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-66 (canceled).

Claim 67 (previously presented): A vector comprising a DNA sequence encoding a transcription factor, having the following elements in the 5' to 3' direction, i) a promoter, ii) DNA encoding a DNA binding domain of the bacterial repressor LexA, iii) DNA encoding a transactivating domain of VP16, iv) DNA encoding the regulatory domain of an estrogen receptor.

Claim 68 (currently amended): The vector of claim 67 wherein said vector further comprises a gene encoding a selectable marker ~~or a screenable marker~~, the expression of which is controlled by the transcription factor.

Claim 69 (currently amended): The vector of claim 68 wherein said gene is *isopentenyltransferase (ipt)*, *cytokinin-independent 1 (CKI1) ipt*, *CKH*, *luciferase*, a member of the *knotted* family, a gene the expression of which can promote shoot regeneration and development, or a gene the expression of which promotes somatic embryogenesis.

Claim 70 (previously presented): The vector of claim 67 wherein said vector further comprises one or more genes of interest.

Claim 71 (previously presented): The vector of claim 68 wherein said gene is a gene for antibiotic resistance.

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Claim 72 (previously presented): The vector of claim 68 wherein said gene is a gene for herbicide resistance.

Claim 73 (currently amended): The vector of claim 67, further comprising a luciferase gene or a gene that causes anthocyanin production.

Claim 74 (canceled).

Claim 75 (previously presented): The vector of claim 67 wherein said promoter is a constitutive promoter.

Claim 76 (previously presented): The vector of claim 75 wherein said constitutive promoter is G1090.

Claim 77 (previously presented): The vector of claim 67 wherein said promoter is a tissue-specific promoter.

Claim 78 (previously presented): An isolated nucleic acid encoding a transcription factor, comprising, in the 5' to 3' direction, i) a promoter, ii) DNA encoding a DNA binding domain of the bacterial repressor LexA, iii) DNA encoding a transactivating domain of VP16, iv) DNA encoding a regulatory domain of an estrogen receptor.

Claim 79 (currently amended): A transgenic plant or transgenic plant cell comprising a the nucleic acid of claim 78.

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Claim 80 (currently amended): The transgenic plant or transgenic plant cell of claim 79, further comprising a gene encoding a selectable marker ~~or a screenable marker~~ the expression of which is controlled by the transcription factor.

Claim 81 (currently amended): The transgenic plant or transgenic plant cell of claim 80, wherein the gene is selected from the group consisting of isopentenyltransferase (ipt), cytokinin-independent 1 (CKI1) ipt, CKH, a member of the *knotted* family, a gene the expression of which can promote shoot regeneration and development, or a gene the expression of which promotes somatic embryogenesis.

Claim 82 (currently amended): The transgenic plant or transgenic plant cell of claim 79, further comprising a luciferase gene ~~or a gene that causes anthocyanin production~~.

Claim 83 (canceled).